Adelaide Hills Youth Services Bus
How we got here………………?

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An initiative of the Australian Government represented by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
Concept Motivation

✓ Lack of transport limits access to Youth Services.
✓ Youth services in the hills are limited and fragmented
✓ Youth in the region gather at locations away from existing services and in hills towns that disperse across the region
✓ Need to take services to Youth and engage with them in THEIR environments
✓ Youth Centres in the ‘pipeline’ still a long time away from realisation – some may not be ‘Youth Centre’.
✓ Explore a flexible and cost effective solution (More with Less)
The Concept

• To create a Mobile Youth Centre/Service – Youth Bus
• Refurbish a bus from which multiple activities and services can be delivered across the Adelaide Hills:
  – Case Management, Counselling, Career Coaching
  – Information, advice, referral
  – Entertainment, recreation and engagement activities:
    • gaming, internet, TV, music
  – Training and education
  – BBQ, refreshments
History Time-Line

- **Feb - May 2010** – AITEC Community Consultations
  - Major Barrier for Youth: Transport + Transport + Transport
  - Transport issues included in AITEC Strategic Plan
- **May 2010** – AITEC Research/Exploration
  - Existing models and potential solutions
- **Jun 2010** – Discussions with Street Surfer about their model
- **Aug - Oct 2010** – AITEC discussions with Councils, Schools and TransitPlus
  - about under-utilization of existing buses and potential expansion/flexibility
- **Nov 2010** – AITEC and AHC represent Hills at YACSA’s ThinkTank
  - “Transporting the Solutions” in Berri
- **Nov 2010** – AITEC Presentation at DEEWR, PB and YC State Conference
- **Jun 2011** – AITEC discussion with HETA CEO about potential partnership
- **Oct – Nov 2011** – AITEC/HETA Meetings to refine objectives/Concept Paper
Mobile Service/Outreach – Not New

- Mobile Breast Screening
- Mobile Libraries
- Mobile Government Info

Breast Screening
Centrelink
Library Services
Drought Relief Info
Beyond Blue
The Streetsurfer youth bus was an initiative that involves Victoria Police (Barwon Region) and several community service organisations in Geelong and the Surf Coast in the conversion of a commercial passenger bus into a mobile youth bus.

The bus is fitted with computer game equipment, TV/DVD player, professional DJ sound system, tea & coffee making facilities, sports equipment, BBQ and an area where young people can talk to a youth worker and access information.

Barwon Youth Inc.
- Youth Connections
- Youth Justice Program
- Mentoring – Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Street Surfer Dimensions & Plan

- Length: 12.20m
- Height centre: 1.7m
- Length: 1.65m
- Width: 2.24m
The Others
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